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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

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The British market for American apples, as reflected by prices paid on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, January 25, is showing some strength for barreled varieties but the demand was dull and the market lower for boxed stock, according to a cable received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Highly colored York Imperials from Virginia continued selling at a marked premium over the ruling price, topping the market at \$8.27 to \$8.64 for U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock, as compared with \$3.27 to \$10.33 last week. Barreled apples are arriving mostly tight but showing slight scald, states Mr. Smith.

There was a good demand for all barreled stock. Only light supplies of Virginia Albemarle Pippins were available. The fruit was in variable condition, but sold quickly at from \$8.15 to \$8.27 per barrel for U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock. Supplies of Virginia York Imperials were only moderate, but the condition of the fruit was variable. Poorly colored Yorks, U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch sizes, sold mostly at from \$7.06 to \$7.42 per barrel. There were practically no Virginia Winesaps on the market. Such fruit as was available was in poor condition. Offerings of U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock, brought \$7.30 per barrel in spite of the poor condition of the fruit. Supplies of Nova Scotian apples are moderate, states Mr. Smith.

The demand was slow for all boxed stock. Washington Winesaps were in liberal supply and the fruit was in excellent condition. Offerings sold slowly, however, Extra Fancy grades, sizes 150, 163/175, ranging from \$2.92 to \$2.98 per box against \$3.10 to \$3.16 per box last week. Washington Rome Beautys were in moderate supply, but sold slowly at from \$2.80 to \$2.92 per box for Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 stock, as against a flat rate of \$2.80 last week. The market situation for Oregon Yellow Newtowns remained unchanged. Moderate supplies of Fancy, 150, 163/175 Yellow Newtowns from California were offered, but sold slowly at \$3.04 per box.

Spanish oranges in good condition brought from \$2.92 to \$4.08 per half-case of 110 pounds for 300's, as against \$2.92 to \$3.89 last week. These prices, however, cannot be maintained as supplies afloat for the British market are excessive.

Prices of American and Canadian fruit on the Liverpool auction
January 18 and 25, 1928

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Jan. 18, 1928	Jan. 25, 1928
		<u>Per bbl</u>	<u>Per bbl</u>
York Imperials:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (highly colored)	Virginia	\$8.27 - 10.83	\$8.27 - 8.64
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	7.79 - 8.27	7.06 - 7.42 _{a/}
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	7.06 - 8.27	7.06 - 8.27
Unclassified	"	6.57 - 6.93	6.08 - 7.30 _{b/}
Winesaps:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (poor condition)	"	7.54	<u>c/</u>
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (poor cond.)	"	<u>c/</u>	7.30
Albemarle Pippins:			
U.S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	<u>c/</u>	8.15 - 8.27
		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Winesaps:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	3.10 - 3.16	2.92 - 2.98
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.43 - 2.80	2.31 - 2.68
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.92 - 2.98	2.63 - 2.92
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.43 - 2.74	2.55 - 2.68
Rome Beauty:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.80	2.80 - 2.92
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.68	2.55 - 2.68
Yellow Newtowns:			
Fancy, 150, 163/175	California	<u>c/</u>	3.04
		<u>Per bbl</u>	<u>Per bbl</u>
Baldwins	Nova Scotia	<u>c/</u>	6.45 - 6.81
Baldwins	Ontario	<u>c/</u>	8.27 - 8.64
Ben Davis	"	<u>c/</u>	7.06 - 7.30
		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Pears:			
Winter Nelis	Washington	4.14 - 4.87	4.14 - 4.38
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	<u>c/</u>	2.74 - 3.89
		<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per case</u>
Grapefruit	Jamaica	3.22 - 4.01	3.89 - 4.38
Grapefruit	Florida	3.04 - 3.65	<u>c/</u>

_{a/} Poorly colored. _{b/} Fair condition. _{c/} Not quoted in cable.

